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SUBJECT: WHAT YUGOSLAVAS ARE THINKING ABOUT ACADEMIC EXCHANGES  
--THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

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1. AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES FOR THIS YEAR'S AMERICAN FULBRIGHT ORIENTATION PROGRAM IN BELGRADE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAISECTC, RELIC, DEVOTED HIS ENTIRE OFF-THE-CUFF SEVEN-MINUTE PRESENTATION TO EXTOLLING THE VIRTUES OF THE US-YUGOSLAV SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES PROGRAM. PRAISING PROGRESS MADE IN TRANSFER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE SEVERAL HUNDRED PROJECTS CARRIED THROUGH UNDER THE SCIENCE PROGRAM, RELIC SAID THAT DETERMINED EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO FIND NEW SOURCES OF FUNDS. HE MADE JUST ONE OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THIS NOT FIRST TIME FAISECTC HAS MADE ABOVE PITCH, IT IS FIRST TIME IT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE FULBRIGHT CONTEXT. SINCE YUGOSLAVS HAVE BEEN TIPPING FULBRIGHT EXCHANGES IN DIRECTION OF HARD SCIENCES ONLY IN PAST FEW YEARS--TO WIT, WHEN THEY REALLY BECAME AWARE OF THE IMPENDING PHASE DOWN OF THE PL 480 SCIENCE PROGRAM, THE RELIC PRESENTATION CAN WELL BE INTERPRETED

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AS A GIVE-AWAY OF YUGOSLAV INTENTIONS TO USE FULBRIGHT

PROGRAM, TO EXTENT WE WILL LET THEM, AS EXTENSION OF SCIENCE PROGRAM. FOR THE TIME BEING, AT LEAST, THE HAWKS SEEM TO HAVE THE UPPER HAND AND APPEAR TO BE DETERMINED TO HAVE THE FINAL SAY ABOUT WHO IN THE YUGOSLAV ACADEMIC COMMUNITY WILL RECIEVE FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS, AND MOST OF THEM WILL BE SCIENTISTS. THE SOCIAL SCIENCE COMMUNITY, WELL AWARE THAT IT IS BEING CUT OUT OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE TIME BEING, IS WATCHING THE EMBASSY, AND THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE COMMISSION, CLOSELY TO SEE HOW WE REACT TO THE PRESSURE BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR.

3. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, WE FEEL THAT WE MUST REMAIN FLEXIBLY FIRM AS WE WORK OUT THE DISPUTES WITH THE YUGOSLAV SIDE OF THE AYEC. PROFESSOR BILLINGTON WILL GET THE FULL TREATMENT FROM HIS YUGOSLAV HOSTS, WHO SEEM DETERMINED THIS TIME TO DRIVE THEIR POINT HOME AND WIN THE GAME.  
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